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REMARKS

Per the undersigned's conversation with Examiner Chankong today, the accompanying amendments to claims 13 and 17 are believed to address the deficiencies in those claims noted on page 3 of the Office Action mailed May 1, 2009. Specifically, those claims are amended by appending at their end, "and wherein said slave device includes memory means for storing said packet after it is received from said master device," in reference to the foregoing description of data packet in those claims. Original support for memory means storing data received from master device is found, e.g., at ¶28 (EEPROM stores delay time etc.) and ¶51 (detonator programmed with delay time from master device).

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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